

SECRET SOCIETY CHAT

Pertinent Paragraphs Concerning the Lodges of Three Cities.

ALL OF THEM GROWING

A Lodge of Daughters of Rebekah to Be Organized in Anaconda—Brief Bits of Society History.

Perhaps in no city in the union, of its size, are there more secret societies than there are in this city, and all are in a highly prosperous condition and increasing in size and wealth every year. Among the most prominent are the Masons and Odd Fellows, who have but recently moved into their handsome new hall in the STANDARD block and which they occupy jointly. Their present quarters without a doubt surpass anything of the kind in the state, the appointments of their hall being both elegant and costly and rivaling those of their brother orders in the East, which are older and perhaps more prosperous. The first secret society organized in this city was the Ancient Order of United Workmen, lodge No. 22, which was organized in 1884 with a membership of 40. B. F. Mahan was the first master workman of the order. Since the first hour of its organization up to the present time the A. O. U. W. has gradually increased in membership and its growth has been rapid. Up to the first of the present year the order had been a branch of the district comprising Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Montana. On the first of January 1891 Montana was made a separate jurisdiction and now takes care of itself. J. R. Boorman is the present master workman of No. 22 which has grown to a membership of 110.

At the time of the organization of the A. O. U. W., in 1884, there were but few two-story buildings in the city and owing to this reason the Masons and Odd Fellows could not organize, as it is necessary that they shall not hold meetings on a ground floor. Shortly afterwards, in the summer of 1885, Messrs. C. H. Tracy and Judge Fitz Patrick were on a committee of the Anaconda Hall association which secured from Leopold Schmidt a lease for 99 years, of the upper story of this building on Main street, the ground floor of which was occupied by a saloon, the consideration being \$1.

Shortly afterwards on October 27, 1885, the Odd Fellows organized Colfax lodge No. 20. At this time the membership was about 20, and Bert Storr was chosen to act as first noble grand. Up to the present time the Odd Fellows have met with a rapid growth, the membership reaching 85. A. Taylor is the present noble grand.

In 1887 Laurel encampment, a higher order of the Odd Fellows was organized, with a membership of 15, and C. H. Tracy was chosen chief patriarch. At the present time David Cohen, sr., officiates as chief patriarch.

Shortly after the organization of the Odd Fellows, in 1885, the A. F. and A. M. instituted a lodge with W. L. Hoge as master. The Masons occupied the same hall as did the Odd Fellows at this time. At the time of the institution of the Masonic order there were about 35 members. The membership has gradually increased to 70 and the order is now in a flourishing condition. The Masons and Odd Fellows are increasing very rapidly in membership. They are at present looking after the sick, very closely and the benefits paid out to the sick and for funerals amongst the members are very generous and reach a large amount every month.

The National Union, a secret order and benevolent association, was organized in the summer of 1889, with S. D. Bebee as president of the association. This society is purely an insurance concern, insuring its members for from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and has met with a warm reception here. At the time of its organization there were 30 members. The membership has grown to 45 in 18 months. C. Nichols is the present president of the association. Among the other secret societies of the city which are in a flourishing condition and have a large membership may be mentioned the A. O. of H., Good Templars, Knights of Pythias, Workmen's union, Switchmen's union, P. O. S. of A. and others, mention of whom will be made in the near future.

Regular meetings of the A. F. and A. M. are held twice monthly, but owing to the large amount of work to be done of late, meetings are being held every Friday night for the purpose of conferring degrees on new members.

Laurel encampment, the higher order of Odd Fellowship, meet on the first and third Saturday of every month. The last meeting was held on Saturday evening, when Mrs. L. J. Fitter, of the Butte Mercantile lodge, was present, and made arrangements to organize the Daughters of Rebekah lodge in this city.

Several of the members of the local lodge will visit Butte next week Friday night to receive the degree after which the D. of R. lodge will be organized in this city. On next Friday evening the third degree will be worked in the A. F. and A. M., at their regular meeting.

Regular meetings of the A. O. U. W. are held every Wednesday night. Colfax lodge, No. 22, of the Odd Fellows meet every Tuesday night.

In a recent report received from the Grand Lodge of the Odd Fellows it was shown that the order paid out \$4.89, on an average, every minute in the day for sickness and death benefits.

C. H. Tracy, of this city, is the present grand warden of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., of Montana, and confers all degrees in the grand lodge for the present year.

Regular meeting of the National Union Benevolent association are held every Wednesday evening.

The A. O. U. W. in case of death pay \$2,000 to members.

BUTTE'S SECRET SOCIETIES.

MASONIC NEWS.

BUTTE, Feb. 8.—William M. Adamson, junior warden of Butte Lodge No. 22, A. F. and A. M., drew the lucky number in the contest for deputy boiler inspector and has the position by the choice of the senate and the approval of Governor Toole.

D. D. McLean, junior steward of Butte lodge is rusticiating in California.

Jesse R. Wotley, senior warden of Butte lodge has returned, having put in one or two months with the Moulton Mining and Milling company.

Butte lodge extends a hearty invitation

to all sojourning members to visit their stated and special.

Butte lodge was organized October 3, A. D. 1876, and its first master installed was J. F. Beck. Since that date O. P. Blaine, Thomas C. Porter, A. H. Barrett, Patrick Talent, O. B. Whitford, Charles S. Warren, W. T. Boardman, Charles Jackson and M. C. Riley have been masters—and all those men are living—something that few lodges can say.

Deer Lodge Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons, was instituted about the year 1875 in the city of Deer Lodge, and about three years' later her charter was removed to Butte city, since which time the chapter has enjoyed a steady growth. During the year 1890 the work was substantially as follows: Fourteen were advanced, and of the number 12 passed the chair and 10 were exalted. Two were received by affiliation. Three were dismissed by limit and one was called to his eternal home by the Grand High Priest above. Being a net gain of eight or a total membership of 83. The new year starts out with flattering prospects of outdoing the old with the following officers elect: R. H. Wearing, M. E. H. P.; George E. Miller, R. A. C.; M. C. Riley, E. King; Ad Williams, G. M. third; P. A. C. Weidenman, G. M. second; C. A. Jackson, E. scribe; T. J. Moffitt, G. M. first; William Porter, C. H.; H. W. Graham, secretary; Philip Davis, P. L.; Fred Macdonald, tyler.

Regular convocation every second and fourth Friday of each month. All sojourning companions are cordially invited to attend.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Pythianism seems to be gaining ground rapidly in Butte and Walkerville. The different lodges are gaining in membership. The members are taking more and more interest in perfecting lodge work.

Ivanhoe, No. 5, K. of P., is rapidly working to the front as the banner lodge of this jurisdiction in point of membership and interest.

Damon lodge, No. 1, K. of P., is at present rejoicing in a live chancellor commander. When it comes to laurels for effective presiding at lodge meetings, look out for Johnny Row.

Oswego, No. 9, Ivanhoe, No. 5, and Damon, No. 1, each have a past grand chancellor on their roster of membership.

Calanth lodge, K. of P., of Walkerville, has some very bright and progressive members. They are always glad to welcome visitors.

Damon Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, will confer the second degree and third rank on Monday evening. All visiting knights are cordially invited. The lodge will meet at 7:30 p. m., sharp.

A. O. U. W.

Butte lodge, No. 1, is increasing its list of membership very rapidly. It numbers over 200. As a means of life insurance protection this should be embraced by those, the hazardous nature of whose occupation will not allow them to be admitted into regular life insurance companies. Miners and railroad men particularly should avail themselves of its benefits. Within the past five years this \$2,000 insurance has been paid right here in Butte to several different widows who without it would have been in destitution. The monthly assessments are paid without being felt to be burdensome and this protection is thus given many a family who in the event of the death of its head would be in utter want.

DEGREE OF REBEKAH. I. O. O. F.

Harmony lodge D. of R. No. 3, was instituted July 9, 1887, with 12 charter members. According to the last report, December 31, 1890, there are on the books 140 members in good standing. They have paid out for sickness, relief, etc., the sum of \$421.20. Truly a good institution or they would not pay out such sums. The following members were installed the first of January under the directions of Mrs. Shaeftlin, D. D: Mrs. J. Albeiz, N. G.; Mrs. E. Becker, V. G.; Miss Kate McRae, secretary; Mrs. M. Waldrup, treasurer; Frank Miller, financial secretary.

Harmony lodge meets every second and fourth Thursday each month at Ridgely hall above D'Acheul's drug store on Main street. All visitors are respectfully invited to attend.

Every Wednesday afternoon the degree team (all ladies) meet at the hall for practice, and generally manage to spend a very pleasant afternoon.

Mrs. J. M. Albeiz is just getting over a severe cold and is able to be around.

Miss McGinley is still sick at her home in Meadville.

Next Thursday there will be about 12 candidates for initiation, and all members are requested to attend and hold the goat down, from being to mischievous.

Mrs. Bumpus of Salt Lake, and formerly a member of Harmony, is in town on business.

Next Friday, February 13, there will be a new Rebekah lodge instituted at Walkerville, and in the near future one at Anaconda.

SONS OF ST. GEORGE.

A social will be given at I. O. G. T. hall West Broadway, on Wednesday evening, by Victoria lodge No. 332, Sons of St. George. A pleasant time is introduced. The hour is 8 o'clock.

MISSOULA LODGE NOTES.

What is Going on Behind Closed Doors in the Garden City.

MISSOULA, Feb. 7.—If a person were to travel the country over he would scarcely find a town of this size which supports more secret societies than does Missoula. The first to establish a lodge here were the Masons. Missoula lodge No. 13, A. F. and A. M. was organized on the 5th of October, 1888. Tradition tells of a time when the members met in a building that had formerly been a barn. The lodge has had its ups and downs but recently has made a fresh start and is now strong and flourishing. One of its most faithful members was Judge John Anderson, who at his death, which occurred in December, left most of his property to the lodge. He was past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Montana. Fred C. Webster, one of the most prominent of Missoula's attorneys, is now the worshipful master. Following the Masons were the Odd Fellows, who organized Covenant lodge No. 6, in the early '70s. Much more recently Missoula encampment No. 5, I. O. O. F., and Esther lodge No. 5, of the Daughters of Rebekah, have been organized. All still continue and are in a flourishing condition. About 1880 Union lodge No. 3, A. O. U. W., was instituted. It has continued to grow until now there are 80 members. W. S. Mentum is master workman. The Order of Chosen Friends organized a lodge about 1881, which lived about six months and then died. A couple of years later the

Knights of Labor got a start but soon went under. In '83 some of the old soldiers of the city organized Frederick Winthrop post No. 11, G. A. R., with 18 charter members. The post has increased and decreased in membership from time to time, but now numbers about thirty-four members. T. J. McClung is post commander. In May, 1888, an encampment of Select Knights, A. O. U. W., was organized. It continued until about two years ago, when it surrendered its charter. On the night of its organization Laurel lodge No. 11 was established with 34 charter members. It has had a very prosperous growth and now numbers over one hundred members. Harry W. Thompson is chancellor. Last April 27 of its members organized Missoula Division No. 5, Uniform Rank, K. of P., which now has 32 or 33 members, with John L. Sloan as captain. In July a camp of the Patriotic Order Sons of America was organized. It has retained its charter membership, but has added but few to its membership from the fact that a new ritual was to be issued and it was deemed advisable not to initiate members until it was received. It was received last week, and the camp expects to take in some new men very shortly. The latest of the regular secret societies is the lodge of Modern Woodmen instituted by P. J. Anderson, January 22. George E. Dreis is venerable counselor and P. J. Anderson clerk. At several times a lodge of Good Templars has been started here but never succeeded very well.

Besides the above there are a number of labor organizations, most prominent among which are the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Locomotive Firemen and Railroad Trainmen, the Carpenters' Union, Typographical Union and Farmers' Alliance.

There is also a strong lodge of the Young Men's Institute, which is a secret society of young men of the Catholic church.

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Last night D. J. Cavanaugh took the degrees of the Golden Roll and Royal Purple in Missoula Encampment No. 5, I. O. O. F.

Last Sunday night a large number of the members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen attended the Church of the Holy Spirit and listened to an eloquent funeral sermon delivered by Rev. Charles H. Linley in memory of J. C. Nixon, one of the popular young members of the order who was buried last week. The Northern Pacific caissons are still draped in honor of him.

On Wednesday afternoon the Masons and G. A. R. men performed the rites over their deceased brother J. B. Waldrup whose death occurred Tuesday morning.

A Masonic temple in Missoula in the near future is one of the probabilities. Last Saturday evening the degree of Master Mason was conferred upon James Hill, Tyler B. Thompson and Frank Reed by Missoula lodge No. 13, A. F. and A. M. After the ceremony the members and visiting brethren enjoyed a fine spread prepared by Landlord Mix of the European hotel. Toasts were responded to by W. M. F. C. Webster, P. M. John L. Sloan, E. W. McConnell and Past Grand Master A. C. Logan of Helena, who came down specially for the occasion.

On Tuesday evening, February 23, will be given the first annual ball of Missoula lodge No. 13, A. F. and A. M. The K. of P. hall has been procured for the occasion, and supper will be served in the Florence hotel. Nothing in the way of arrangements has been left undone and the ball is sure to be one of the most enjoyable ones of the season. The Masons here make their boast that they never do things by halves, and they propose to show their friends that they have a perfect right to do so.

On Thursday evening, February 19, Laurel lodge No. 11 K. of P. will give a grand ball at their Castle hall to celebrate the 27th anniversary of the founding of the order. The Twenty-fifth infantry band from Fort Missoula will furnish the music. The tickets will include the supper at the Florence hotel. Laurel lodge is composed of many of the leading society men of the city, and they propose to make this event, if possible, the grand affair of the season.

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From the Detroit Free Press.

"Please excuse me—excuse me," said a bland-spoken stranger to an officer on Jefferson avenue the other evening, "but I wish to secure information."

"Well?"

"It is perhaps a question of law."

"Go ahead."

"If I should go into a blacksmith shop, you know—into a blacksmith shop, and should ask the smith for 10 cents—"

"Well?"

"Better make it a quarter, I think. A quarter buys five beers."

"What are you getting at?" demanded the officer.

"If I should strike him for a quarter, and he should refuse, and I should reproach him with a want of charity, has he any legal right to beat an iron rod and push it through me and pin me to the wall until death relieves my suffering?"

"Look here, mister man, you'd better be—"

"Exactly—exactly! It's a legal question, as I told you before, and I had no idea you could solve it. Good-night, sir—good-night!"

HO FOR THE CARNIVAL.

Cheap Excursion Rates.

On the occasion of the Butte City Turn Verein carnival, to be held at Butte on February 10, next, the Northern Pacific railroad will sell tickets at one fare and one-fifth for the round trip. Tickets can be had at all stations between Missoula and Bozeman, inclusive, also at stations on intervening branch lines on February 9 and 10. Return trip good until February 12. James McCall, General Agent, Butte, Montana.

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BUTTE CARNIVAL

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There Will be a Great Carnival

Street Parade and Trade Display

ON FEBRUARY 10.

To which all the business men of Butte City have contributed liberally. The procession will consist of members of all Societies and Trade Unions, and will represent the arrival of Prince Carnival and his followers in the most gorgeous costumes. Every business interest of the city will be represented in the procession. Arrangements have